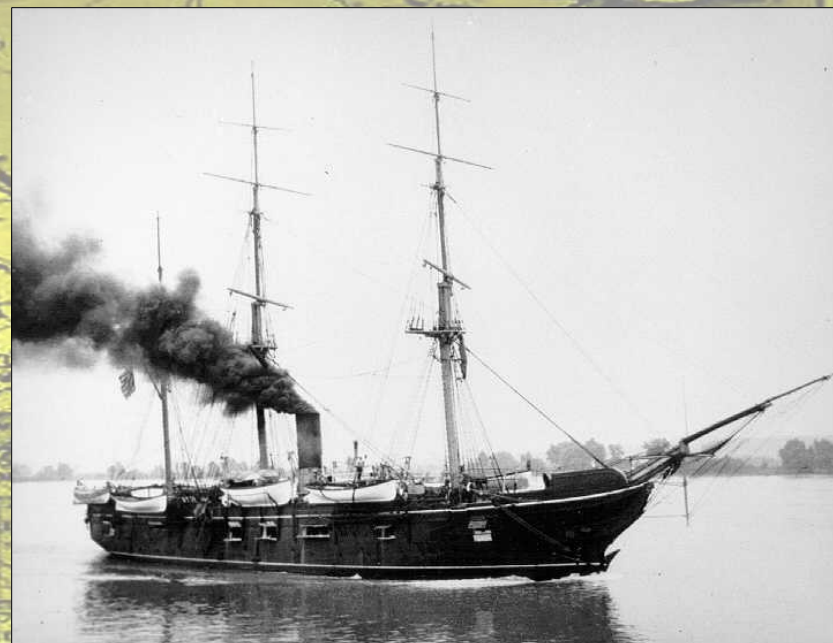


# MARITIME HERITAGE MINNESOTA

## Log Book 52 of the USS Essex October 2, 1910 – December 31, 1910 The Day-to-Day Operations of Shipbuilder Donald McKay's Last Ship

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<U. S. S.> Essex

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<U. S. S.> ESSEX

<COMMANDED BY>

Anthony F. Nicklett. Comdr. O[hio]. N[aval]. M[ilitia]. <~~U. S. N.~~>

<FROM> Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1910.

<TO> Dec 31 - 1910.

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]

<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [*blank in MS*] <, 19> [*blank in MS*]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Essex lying at Toledo Ship Building Co. Yard undergoing repairs.

Stood deck Watch

<SUNDAY.>

2

Stood Watch & Worked on deck.

<MONDAY.>

3

Stood Watch & Work on deck

<TUESDAY.>

4

Shipbuilding Co Lowered main Engine into hold.

<WEDNESDAY.>

5

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 <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Oct 8 <, 19> 10  
 <DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Stood Watch Work on deck

<THURSDAY.>  
 6

Stood Watch Work on deck

<FRIDAY.>  
 7

Stood Watch & Work on deck

<SATURDAY.>  
 8

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Stood Watch

<SUNDAY.>

9

Stood Watch Work on deck

<MONDAY.>

10

Stood Watch Work on deck

<TUESDAY.>

11

Stood Watch Work on deck

<WEDNESDAY.>

12

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 <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Oct 15 <, 19> 10  
 <DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Stood Watch Work on deck

<THURSDAY.>  
 13

Stood Watch Work on deck

<FRIDAY.>  
 14

Stood Watch Work on deck

<SATURDAY.>  
 15

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Stood Watch Work on deck

<SUNDAY.>

16

Stood Watch Work on deck

<MONDAY.>

17

Stood Watch Work on deck

<TUESDAY.>

18

Stood Watch Work on deck

<WEDNESDAY.>

19



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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Oct 22 <, 19> 10  
<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Stood Watch Work on deck

<THURSDAY.>  
20

Stood Watch Work on deck

<FRIDAY.>  
21

Stood Watch Cleaned Ship

<SATURDAY.>  
22

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Stood Watch

<SUNDAY.>

23

Stood Watch Work on deck

<MONDAY.>

24

Stood Watch Work on deck

<TUESDAY.>

25

Stood Watch Work on deck

<WEDNESDAY.>

26

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 <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Oct 22 <, 19> 10  
 <DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Stood Watch Worked on deck

<THURSDAY.>  
 27

Stood Watch & Cleaned ship

<FRIDAY.>  
 28

Stood Watch & Cleaned ship

<SATURDAY.>  
 29

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<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Stood Watch

<SUNDAY.>  
30

<MONDAY.>  
31

Stood Watch Worked on Small boats

<TUESDAY.>  
1

Stood Watch Lowered Boats & towed Same to ship Yard.

<WEDNESDAY.>  
2

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> U.S.S. ESSEX, [*stamped in ink*] <, AT> TOLEDO, O[HIO]. [*stamped in ink*]

<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Nov 5 <, 19> 10.

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Stood Watch Steamed up to ship Yard & made fast at 2<sup>30</sup> PM.

Worked on deck

<THURSDAY.>

3

Stood Watch Worked on deck

<FRIDAY.>

4

Stood Watch & Clean Ship

<SATURDAY.>

5.

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Stood Watch

<SUNDAY.>

6

Stood Watch Work on deck

<MONDAY.>

7

Stood Watch Work on deck

<TUESDAY.>

8

Stood Watch Work on deck

<WEDNESDAY.>

9

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 <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Nov 12 <, 19> 11 [sic 1910]  
 <DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Stood Watch Work on deck

<THURSDAY.>  
 10

Stood Watch Worked on deck

<FRIDAY.>  
 11

Stood Watch Cleaned Ship

<SATURDAY.>  
 12

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Stood Watch

<SUNDAY.>

13

Stood Watch Work on deck

<MONDAY.>

14

Stood Watch & Work on deck

<TUESDAY.>

15

Stood Watch Work on deck

<WEDNESDAY.>

16



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 <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Nov 19 <, 19> 10  
 <DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Stood Watch Worked on deck

<THURSDAY.>  
 17

Stood Watch Worked on deck

<FRIDAY.>  
 18

Stood Watch Clean Ship

<SATURDAY.>  
 19

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 <DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Stood Watch

<SUNDAY.>  
 20

Stood Watch At 12 Noon went to Ironville Coal dock to take on coal & go in to  
 winter Quarters. Moored ship, began striping [sic] it

<MONDAY.>  
 21

Stood Watch Work on deck

<TUESDAY.>  
 22

Work on deck Stood Night watch

<WEDNESDAY.>  
 23

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 <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Nov 26 <, 19> 11 [sic: 1910]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Stood Watch

Legal Holiday

<THURSDAY.>

24

Stood Night watch  
 Coaled ship took on 40 Tons.

<FRIDAY.>

25

Stood Night watch  
 Coaled ship took on 30 Tons

<SATURDAY.>

26

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [*blank in MS*] <, 19> [*blank in MS*]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Stood Watch

<SUNDAY.>

27

Stood Night Watch

Coaled ship Took on 40 Tons.

<MONDAY.>

28

Stood Night watch

Coaled ship Took on 15 Tons.

<TUESDAY.>

29

~~Stood~~ Night watch

Cleaned ship

<WEDNESDAY.>

30

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Dec 3 <, 19> 10

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Stood Night Watch Shifted Moorings helped moore [sic] coal lighter hoisted Ashes  
turned over all machinery Seaman L R Armstrong reported for duty

<THURSDAY.>

1

Cleaned ship deck's & Ward room. Shifted moorings turned over all Machinery  
Coaled ship took on 40 Tons.

<FRIDAY.>

2

Cleaned Berth deck, sick bay, Ward Room, & Gun deck  
J. G. Bertram detached to report on board USS Frankling [Franklin] receiving ship Norfolk Va [Virginia]  
9<sup>30</sup> A M

<SATURDAY.>

3

Helped moored coal lighter  
Moved all machinery

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Cleaned Ward Room. Gun deck shifted ships Moorings.

<SUNDAY.>

4

Shifted Coal lighter mooring Hoisted Ashes. Moved Medicine from sick bay.

Stowed hawsers and lines.

Cleaned Ward Room cleaned starberd [starboard] side Gun deck Stowed medicine in Cabin.

<MONDAY.>

5

Cleaned Gun deck Ward room & Galley. leveled down Ash pile on dock.

<TUESDAY.>

6

Cleaned Gun deck – Ward room – fire room.

<WEDNESDAY.>

7

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Dec 10 <, 19> 10

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Cleaned Ward room – Orlop deck – Berth deck & Sick bay – broke Ice around coal lighter

<THURSDAY.>

8

Closed forward Hatches for winter Quarters unrove fish boom - topping [topping] lift.  
Stowed fish boom topping [topping] lift & Hawsers broke out hammocks

<FRIDAY.>

9

Cleaned Gun deck & Ward room. hoisted ashes on dock & leveled same.  
Turned over all machinery

<SATURDAY.>

10.

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<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Cleaned Gun deck & Ward room.

<SUNDAY.>

11

Cleaned Gun deck - Ward room & Orlop deck Broke out small stuff for Knoting [sic] & Splicing  
Cleared snow off – of Boat Covers.

<MONDAY.>

12

Cleaned Gun deck & Ward room. cleaned out paint locker  
pulled canvas for swabs. stowed flying bridge main ropes.

<TUESDAY.>

13

Cleaned Gun deck & Ward room broke Ice around ship  
Cleared snow from spar deck

<WEDNESDAY.>

14



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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Dec 17<sup>th</sup> <, 19> 10

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Cleaned Ward room – Gun deck - & Berth deck Scrubed [sic] paint work hoisted ashes  
Cleaned snow from boat Covers & Cleaned Galley & built coal box for same

<THURSDAY.>

15

Cleaned Ward room & Gun deck Scrubed [sic] Paint work  
leveled Ashes – broke Ice from scow.

<FRIDAY.>

16

Turned all Machinery

<SATURDAY.>

17.

Cleaned wardroom & Gun deck & Scubbed [sic] paint work

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<DAY.> <REMARKS.>

Cleaned Gun deck & Ward room.

<SUNDAY.>  
18

Cleaned Gun deck - Ward room & berth deck  
Built door for Gangway.

<MONDAY.>  
19

Cleaned Gun deck - Ward room – Cabin & Galley

<TUESDAY.>  
20

Cleaned Ward room Gun deck – berth deck Schlacked [sic] cabin

<WEDNESDAY.>  
21

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Dec 24 <, 19> 10

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Cleaned Ward room – Gun deck -& swabed [sic] gun deck.

Cleaned snow from boat covers - Cleaned Orlop deck

<THURSDAY.>

22

Hoisted ashes broke Ice around ship

Cleaned Ward room & Gun deck leveled ashes on dock & broke Ice around ship

<FRIDAY.>

23

<SATURDAY.>

24

Turned over all Machinery

Cleaned Gun deck & Ward room. Hoisted ashes - pulled ash pan.

Broke Ice

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> [*blank in MS*] <, 19> [*blank in MS*]

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Cleaned Ward room & Gun deck

<SUNDAY.>

25

Cleaned Ward room & Gun deck

<MONDAY.>

26

Leveled ashes on dock broke Ice around ship

Cleaned Ward room & Gun deck

<TUESDAY.>

27

Broke Ice & Cleaned galley.

Cleared Ward room & Gun deck

<WEDNESDAY.>

28

Broke Ice & Cleaned snow from spar deck & Boat covers

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> Dec 31 <, 19> 10

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Cleaned Ward Room & Gun deck Broke Ice Hoisted Ashes

painted boiler B.

<THURSDAY.>

29

Cleaned Ward room & Gun deck – Hoisted Ashes & broke Ice

<FRIDAY.>

30

Cleaned Ward room & Gun deck

<SATURDAY.>

31

Turned all machinery leveled ashes on dock

Broke Ice around ship

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